

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**(Case No. 95,1408-UUU)**

In the Application of:	)	
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Sheppard Jr. et al.	)	Before the Examiner:
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Serial No. 10/726,337	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 1641
Filed: November 30, 2003	)	
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For: Affinity Binding-Based System for	)	Confirmation No.: 5481
Detecting Particulates in a Fluid	)	

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

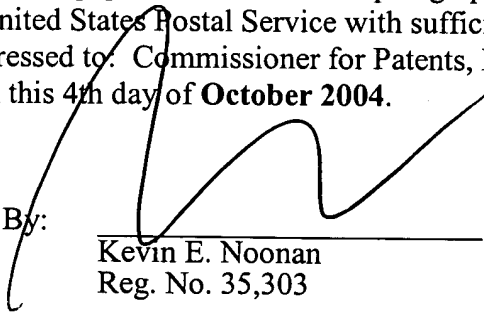
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In regard to the above-identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached
  - a. Transmittal Letter
  - b. Amendment and Response to Office Action
  - c. Return Receipt Postcard
2. With respect to additional fees:
  - a. No additional fee is required.
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By:

  
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